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Applicants: LEBAS et al

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For: Process And Device Intended For Regeneration of Used  
Absorbents From Thermal Generators Fumes Treatment

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61302PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 29, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and prior to calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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3. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said  
regeneration gas comprises hydrogen sulfide and/or a hydrocarbon.

A1  
4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the gases from  
the regeneration-filtration stage are cooled.

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A2  
6. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the regenerated  
absorbent from the regeneration-filtration stage is mixed with a carrier gas, then sent  
to a storage unit.